



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501

3:00 PM Fish Committee meeting – Commissioners Carpenter, Graybill, Kehoe
Location: Room 175 A & B – first floor near cafeteria

Agenda topics

- Pinniped follow up
- Columbia River Joint WA/OR Workgroup mtg update

FEBRUARY 8 - 9, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING

Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501
First Floor – Room 172

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019

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| 8:00 AM | 1. <u>Call to Order</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Commissioners' Discussionb. Meeting Minute Approvalc. Committee Reports if available | <i>15 min</i> |
| 8:15 AM | 2. <u>Open Public Input</u> <p>The Commission is a direct link between the citizens of Washington and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comments on Department programs and topics of concern are welcome during this portion of the meeting.</p> <p>NOTE: During this portion of the meeting, the public is encouraged to comment on issues that do not already have public input time on the agenda.</p> | <i>30 min</i> |
| 8:45 AM | 3. <u>Director's Report</u> <p>The Director will brief the Commission on various items.</p> | <i>30 min</i> |
| 9:15 AM | 4. <u>Hatchery Reform Policy C-3619 – Briefing and Public Comment</u> <p>Department staff will provide the Commission with a status update on the progress and process to review the Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy C-3619.</p> <p>Staff Report: Erik Neatherlin, Fish Science Division Manager and Eric Kinne, Hatchery Division Manager</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Public Comment – This Item Only</u></p> | <i>60 min</i> |
| 10:15 AM | <u>Break</u> | <i>15 min</i> |
| 10:30 AM | 5. <u>Operation and Maintenance of WDFW Lands (O&M) Discussion – Briefing</u> <p>Staff will brief the Commission regarding estimation of our per acre operation and maintenance costs, including how these figures are being used with respect to Capital and Operating funding requests related to purchase of new lands.</p> | <i>30 min</i> |

Staff Report: Paul Dahmer, Area and Access Manager and Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager

- 11:00 AM** **6. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *20 min*
The Commission will consider approval of land transactions recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat and for the enhancement of public recreation opportunities.

Staff Report: Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only

- 11:20 AM** **7. Wildlife Rehabilitation Rules – Decision** *30 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 220-450-060 through WAC 220-450-220.

Staff Report: Patricia Thompson, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Falconry Manager, Wildlife Program

- 11:50 AM** **Lunch** *70 min*

- 1:00 PM** **8. Lower Columbia Sturgeon Population Status and Management Annual Review (Policy C-3001) – Briefing and Public Comment** *60 min*
Department staff will provide the Commission an annual review on lower Columbia River sturgeon population status, as stipulated in the policy, and discuss plans for 2019 fisheries.

Staff Report: Laura Heironimus, CRMU Sturgeon/Smelt/Lamprey Unit Lead

Public Comment – This Item Only

- 2:00 PM** **9. Puget Sound Steelhead Advisory Group (PSSAG) Briefing** *45 min*
The PSSAG will summarize the results of a more than 2-year process that resulted in a broadly supported portfolio of proactive management strategies to restore Puget Sound steelhead and fisheries.

Staff Report: Jim Scott, Special Assistant and PSSAG Members

- 2:45 PM** **10. Staff Update on Skagit Elk – Briefing** *30 min*
Amy Windrope, Region 4 Director will provide an update on the current status of elk in the Skagit Valley and discussions to date.

- 3:15 PM** **Recess**

Big Tent Committee meeting – Commissioners Smith, Baker, Graybill
Location: Director’s Conference Room 537 – 5th floor (guests must have badge from reception)

Agenda topics

- Strategic Plan
- Meet & Greet with new Public Affairs Director, Carrie McCausland

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019

- 8:00 AM** **11. Future Meeting Planning – Discussion** *30 min*
Commissioners and staff will discuss upcoming meetings and conference calls.
- 8:30 AM** **12. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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- 9:00 AM** **13. Grays Harbor Salmon Management Policy C-3621 Review – Briefing and Public Comment** *60 min*
Department staff will provide the Commission an annual review on Grays Harbor salmon management as stipulated in Policy C-3621, providing guidance for Grays Harbor salmon fisheries.

Staff Report: Chad Herring, South Coast Fishery Policy Analyst and Mike Scharpf, District Biologist

Public Comment – This Item Only
- 10:00 AM** **Break** *15 min*
- 10:15 AM** **14. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622 – Briefing, Public Comment and Possible Guidance** *60 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on progress of the comprehensive review for the Willapa Bay Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3622 and seek interim guidance for fisheries planning for the 2019 season.

Staff Report: Chad Herring, South Coast Fishery Policy Analyst and Kirt Hughes, Statewide Salmon and Steelhead Manager

Public Comment – This Item Only
- 11:15 AM** **15. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief** *30 min*
The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.
- 11:45 AM** **Adjourn**

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Don McIsaac, Ph.D., Hockinson
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Kim Thorburn, MD, MPH, Spokane
(Eastern Washington position, Spokane County)
Occupation: Retired Public Health Physician
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Bradley Smith, Ph.D., Bellingham
(Western Washington position, Whatcom County)
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